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SUBJECT: DRUG ABUSE ITEM AT COLOMBO PLAN MEETING

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1. DOCTOR PANE RASSAVONG, COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF THE PLAN, AND MR. OUDONE VORATANOUVONG, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF PLAN, ARE MEMBERS OF LAO DELEGATION TO COLOMBO PLAN MEETING IN WELLINGTON WHO ARE MOST CONVERSANT WITH DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM. PER REFTELS, DR. PANE AND MR. OUDONE WERE PROVIDED FRENCH TRANSLATION OF ABARRO'S INTERIM REPORT, AS WELL AS A CAREFULLY PREPARED STATEMENT ON THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF DRUG ABUSE IN LAOS.

2. UPON THEIR DEPARTURE NOVEMBER 25, RLG REPRESENTATIVES STATED TO EMBOFF THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT US GUIDANCE IN WELLINGTON ON MATTERS RELATING TO DRUG ABUSE. IF USG REPRESENTATIVES DESIRE RLG SUPPORT, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THEY CONTACT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED OFFICIALS DIRECTLY.

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(FYI: DR. PANE AND MR. OUDONE EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE TO

TAKE INITIATIVE ON DRUG QUESTIONS IN VIEW OF THEIR BASIC
UNFAMILIARITY WITH THE PROBLEM. END FYI.)

3. IN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE ACTIVE RLG PARTICIPATION IN
WELLINGTON, WE SUGGEST THAT US REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESS
DESIRE TO READ RLG STATEMENT, SINCE IT IS HIGHLY
INFORMATIVE AND ALSO REPRESENTS US MISSION'S VIEWS ON
SITUATION IN LAOS.
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